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STATEMENT

The fraternal Bulgarian people are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their liberation from the yoke of the Ottoman Empire. The liberation struggle which the people of Bulgaria waged against the military-feudal Ottoman Empire, the prison of peoples, one hundred years ago, their achievement of national independence, are historic events which inspired the national liberation struggles of the peoples of the Balkans.

The international working class movement supported the Bulgarian people's national liberation struggle. First and foremost came the aid of the Russian people. The Russian army, objectively, played a liberating role.

Having achieved their independence in hard struggles, the working class and people of Bulgaria struggled against capitalism, imperialism and fascism under the leadership of the glorious Bulgarian Communist Party. They brought the socialist revolution to victory. They started on the road of construction of a developed socialist society. The concrete aid of the Soviet Union played an important role in these successes. Socialist Bulgaria is a mighty fortress against the cold war policy of imperialism and of peace in the Balkans. This neighbouring socialist state is the foremost base of friendship between the peoples of Turkey and Bulgaria. The successes of socialist Bulgaria are a source of strength for the working class and people of Turkey in their struggle for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism. The bond between the Communist Party of Turkey and the fraternal Bulgarian Communist Party is a long-standing bond of Leninist struggle. It continues in all its vigor on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The collaborating bourgeoisie, the reactionary circles bound to imperialism and the organisers of fascist attacks against our people are striving to revive the Ottoman sultans' policy of hatred towards and repression of the people. Those who have sold our national independence to imperialism and NATO, those who are trying to impose American slavery on our people with fascist methods, are inciting hostile feelings against the independence of other peoples and our neighbours. The Communist Party of Turkey (TKP), struggling for the liberation of our working class and people from every kind of oppression and exploitation, is waging a continuous struggle against these chauvinist provocations. The struggle for friendship and cooperation between the two neighbour countries cannot be separated from the struggle for peace, disarmament and the reduction of tension in our region. These demands which wholly correspond to the national interests of our people, are being adopted by the broadest patriotic forces.

The TKP will continue its struggle for the strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the two neighbour peoples. It will support every concrete step in this direction.

In the name of the working class and people of Turkey the TKP warmly congratulates the fraternal Bulgarian people on this anniversary.

Central Committee
3 March 1978 Communist Party of Turkey

**TO COMRADE TODOR ZHIVKOV, FIRST SECRETARY,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

Esteemed Comrade Zhivkov,

On behalf of the working class and the communists of Turkey the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 100th anniversary of the Bulgarian people's achievement of national independence with feelings of warm friendship.

The Central Committee of the TKP has explained the importance of this historic date to our people in a statement. The TKP ascribes great value to the friendship between the peoples of Turkey and Bulgaria and is struggling to develop and strengthen this friendship and cooperation.

The roots of the fraternal bonds between the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Communist Party of Turkey extend to Blagoyev, Dimitrov and Mustafa Suphi. They are based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The TKP will protect and cherish these bonds between our parties.

The TKP wishes the fraternal Bulgarian people new and great successes on the road to communism under the leadership of the Bulgarian Communist Party led by yourself, Comrade Zhivkov.

With Communist greetings,

İ. Bilen,

General Secretary, Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

3 March 1978

**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY**

Esteemed Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey shares your deep grief over the deaths of Werner Lamberz, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Paul Markowski, member of the Central Committee, and other comrades on the SUPG delegation.

With the death of Comrade W. Lamberz and P. Markowski, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the world communist and workers movement lost beloved militants.

W. Lamberz and P. Markowski made great contributions to solidarity with the peoples struggling for national and social liberation and to the

struggle for the strengthening of the unity of the world communist movement. They always held high the banner of proletarian internationalism of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

The Communist Party of Turkey and all Communists of Turkey express to you our condolences over this great loss.

İ. Bilen

General Secretary, Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

7 March 1978

THE CONGRESS OF PEACE ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY

The first General Congress of the Peace Association of Turkey was held on the 5th of March. In this forum the peace forces of Turkey adopted important decisions concerning the strengthening of the struggle against the NATO-incited arms drive efforts to produce weapons of mass destruction like the neutron bomb, and attempts to sabotage peace in our region and in the Balkans. The Congress stressed that peace will be ensured by a unity of strength and action of all patriotic, progressive forces and all those opposed to the aggressive policy of imperialism.

In his speech on the activities and duties of the Peace Association, its President, Dikerdem, stressed that the struggle for peace cannot be separated from the struggle against imperialism, fascism and racism. He emphasised that the peace forces must wage a more effective struggle against the fascist escalation in our country.

In their speeches, delegates and guests of the Congress stressed that the peace movement must attain a higher level in a country which is tied to imperialisms aggressive organisation, NATO, and which hosts bases on its land — in a country like Turkey. The speakers pointed out that war provocations and hostility to the socialist countries are identical with reaction. They demanded that friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Turkey, Greece and Cyprus be protected and strengthened. They emphasised that the struggle for peace is closely bound with the struggle for our national independence, interests and security.

In the General Congress it was unanimously decided to actively participate in the May Day workers' holiday and to intensify activities to expose the forces behind the bloody attack on 1 May 1977. It was also unanimously decided to step up actions against American efforts to store neutron bombs in member-countries of NATO or in countries dominated by NATO, and to publish a central organ in order to popularise the peace struggle.

In messages to the General Congress of the Peace Association the Communist Party of Turkey, trade unions and progressive organisations wished the peace forces of Turkey great new successes in their struggle for such important aims.

CELEBRATION OF 8TH OF MARCH, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8th of March, International Women's Day, was celebrated with marches in İstanbul, Ankara, Bursa, İzmir and other cities in Turkey. During "International Women's Day Week", 4-11 March, there were mass meetings and forums which discussed the social-economic and legal problems of working women. They discussed questions of concern to millions of working women questions like the place of women in the struggle against imperialism, the fascist escalation and violent attacks and the defence of women's rights. In a statement made on the occasion of International Women's Day, the day of friendship and solidarity of the women of the world, the President of the Progressive Women's Association (İKD), Beria Önger, said that "Everywhere from Edirne to Diyarbakır working women are raising their voices. They are saying 'No passage to fascism!' 8th of March 1978 must be a turning point for millions of women to accelerate our efforts to contribute to the democratic struggle. Today let us once again swear to destroy the very roots of fascism, achieve an independent and democratic Turkey and build a world in which our children can live".

During the 4th to 11th of March, İKD organised meetings, demonstrations and marches in more than 30 cities, towns and villages. These were joined by trade unions, progressive organisations and professional associations. The Maden-İş (Metal Workers' Union) celebration of International Women's Day showed that the progressive women's movement is advancing on the road of the working class. This celebration called for the strengthening of solidarity with the social, political and economic struggle of women.

OUR PEOPLE DEMAND DECISIVE MEASURES AGAINST FASCIST ATTACKS

The bloody fascist attacks in our country are continuing uninterruptedly. The fascist commandos and their allies the Maoist groups are becoming even more frenzied in their attacks. Every day one patriotic youth is a victim of these attacks. Attacks against universities and student hostels are increasing. According to a statement of the Minister of the Interior, Özyıldırım whereas in 1977, 263 persons were killed, the total for the first two months of 1978 was 75.

Fascist attacks continued to increase in violence in the first half of March. On the first of March, commandos attacked progressive students who wanted to attend lessons at the İstanbul Technical University. Three students were wounded in this attack which took place under the eyes of the police. Fascist commandos launched intensive attacks against progressive, revolutionary students at universities, high schools and lycees in Ankara, Erzurum, İzmir and other cities. Many youths were injured in these attacks. On the 2nd of March, fascist commandos murdered a 16-year old lycee student in Ankara.

On the 9th of March, two youths were killed in Bursa and İzmir. Many youths were wounded in commando attacks in Adana, Eskişehir, Urfa and Malatya.

In various cities, investigation exposed that the bloody attacks were executed by the Nationalist Action Party (NAP) and its youth wing, the Ülkü Ocakları. In Kayseri, 9 members of Ülkü Ocakları were arrested during armed training. The President of the Bursa Ülkü Ocakları has been charged with the murder of a revolutionary student. Numerous pistols and machine guns were found in Ülkü Ocakları establishments in many cities and in centres of MİSK, the NAP fascist trade-union confederation. Lists of progressive students designated to be murdered were found in many places. The newspaper "Politika" published documents which show that the NAP president, Türkeş, and his partners were agents of Hitler. The "Secret Reich Document" proves that Türkeş actively cooperated with Hitlerite fascists.

All these show that after the downfall of the Demirel coalition the reactionary-fascist forces have become even more frenzied and more violent in their bloody attacks. The Communist Party of Turkey is stressing the necessity to take decisive measures to put an end to these attacks. The Nationalist Action Party and the Ülkü Ocakları under its control must be shut down, the source of the fascist attacks destroyed. The government must take heed of the struggle and the demands of the working class, the broad working masses, the trade unions and progressive organisations. It must take concrete actions to end the bloody attacks.

THE SUCCESS OF THE MADEN-İŞ STRIKE CONTINUES TO ECHO

The successful conclusion of the Maden-İş workers' disciplined, resolute and self-sacrificing strike against the MESS bosses continues to echo on both a national and an international scale. (Maden-İş is the Metal Workers Union, affiliated to DİSK. MESS is the Association of Employers in the Metal Industry).

Trade unions affiliated to DİSK and Türk-İş (the yellow trade union confederation), various independent trade unions, progressive organisations, professional associations and organisations of our workers working abroad are still sending messages congratulating the heroic metal workers on their success. The messages stress that the 8-months long strike demonstrated concrete examples of class solidarity. They emphasise the importance of unity of strength and unity of action in the struggle against imperialism, exploitation by local-foreign monopolies and fascist escalation.

The success of the heroic metal workers is at the same time a new gain for the working class of Turkey in the international sphere. The General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) which unites 180 million trade union workers under its banner, Pierre Gensous sent a message to Maden-İş congratulating the successful conclusion of the metal workers' struggle against MESS. He sent fraternal greetings to the working class of Turkey in the name of the WFTU and stated that this strike a long,

